

**Michigan Aeronautics Commission
General Aviation Committee**

Rick Hammond

*Office of Aeronautics
Conference Room
2700 Port Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48906*

August 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Dennis Bowdoin, Bryan Budds, Paul Flinksy, Brad Frederick, Karl Klimek, Anna Koerber, John Strehl

Members Absent: William Cattley, Eric Jaroch, Mark Johnson, Mark Perry, David Powell, Roger Salo

Aero Staff Present: Rick Hammond, Erika Hanses

Other Present: Jim Koslosky, David VanderVeen

Introductions & Welcome

Rick Hammond opened the meeting at 10:00am.

New Member

Joe Hass is introduced and background information is given to the committee. Votes are taken and Joe Hass is officially a new member of the General Aviation Committee.

Pilot Association

Dennis Bowdoin shared with the committee the **GLIAC committee pilot club** will look into supplying a room for the group a **potential pilot** association meeting **at the next GLIAC conference** and not just presidents invited, but whole association. Any teacher that attends the October 18th teacher workshop will be allowed to bring 2 students to the conference as well.

Missouri, Oregon, and Montana all have chapters that would help logistical problems in Michigan and stay active with state wide association meetings like the GLIAC. Passport programs that allow users to get their names in drawings can encourage pilots to visit airports. Other ideas were cards that pilots could give out to companies letting them know they visited them because of the airport and scholarships for student pilots to continue flight training.

To help others get a feel for Michigan, the pilot association could consider EAA chapters or similar control chapters.

Karl Klimek suggests the GA Committee spend an hour or two to find ways to bring up GA strength and discuss key goals.

Website is out there for those with common interests can get together in the association and can strengthen bonds of those throughout Michigan.

Proclamation for Aerospace Aviation Day is in the process of approval. The proclamation of Aviation Month in October is officially approved.

MAC General Aviation Committee

David VanderVeen gave a presentation stating the job loss and future growth of the industry, the air traffic declination, the low amount of based aircraft, the decrease number of aircraft being registered, and fuel consumption of OCIA and Michigan GA. Possible causes of these declines are also highlighted. A survey is sent out to better understand how companies are using their aircraft.

FBOs, different modes of travel agents and brokers, airline trends, numerous potential markets, and advantages of General Aviation are presented.

Four next steps are promoted to improve General Aviation.

Direction of Aviation

The committee was informed not many people are flying as much as they used to. Travel agents are getting business cut due to airlines and not many people are aware that aircraft doesn't always have to land at shuttles which require car rentals. People are solely getting into aviation for transportation use.

A small amount of individuals are viewing flying as a realistic career choice. Seeing airplanes flying is rare and not many have a desire anymore.

Youth in Aviation

The committee discussed ways to get youth interested in aviation since there is no longer a passion. Flying accommodates other hobbies. Fears like being alone and independent while flying is a possible cause along with bad publicity. There are not many flight schools around anymore. It's harder for a person to find education and training even with having one of the top flight schools in the world right in Michigan.

Rick Hammond suggests another meeting along with Dave Powell to address certain concerns with the youth and pilots. Also, a summit is proposed to help GLIAC.

Pure Michigan

Rick Hammond and Mike Trout have decided to create a "Fly Pure Michigan" campaign. It would have a different logo but still have a connection with Pure Michigan. Also, a new program was announced which places "Welcome to Pure Michigan" signs at airports.

Regulatory Review

The inspection licensing cycle of heliports needs to be improved. All weather access plan needs to be reevaluated and develop any feedback about issues. Information about VORs and concerns about their use were shared.

Rick Hammond will send out a reminder and list of all regulatory review items to rest of the committee for feedback at the October GA Meeting.

North Fox

The status and condition of North Fox was shared with the committee. There is currently no final approval for use.

Rick Hammond adjourned the meeting at 12:20pm.

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